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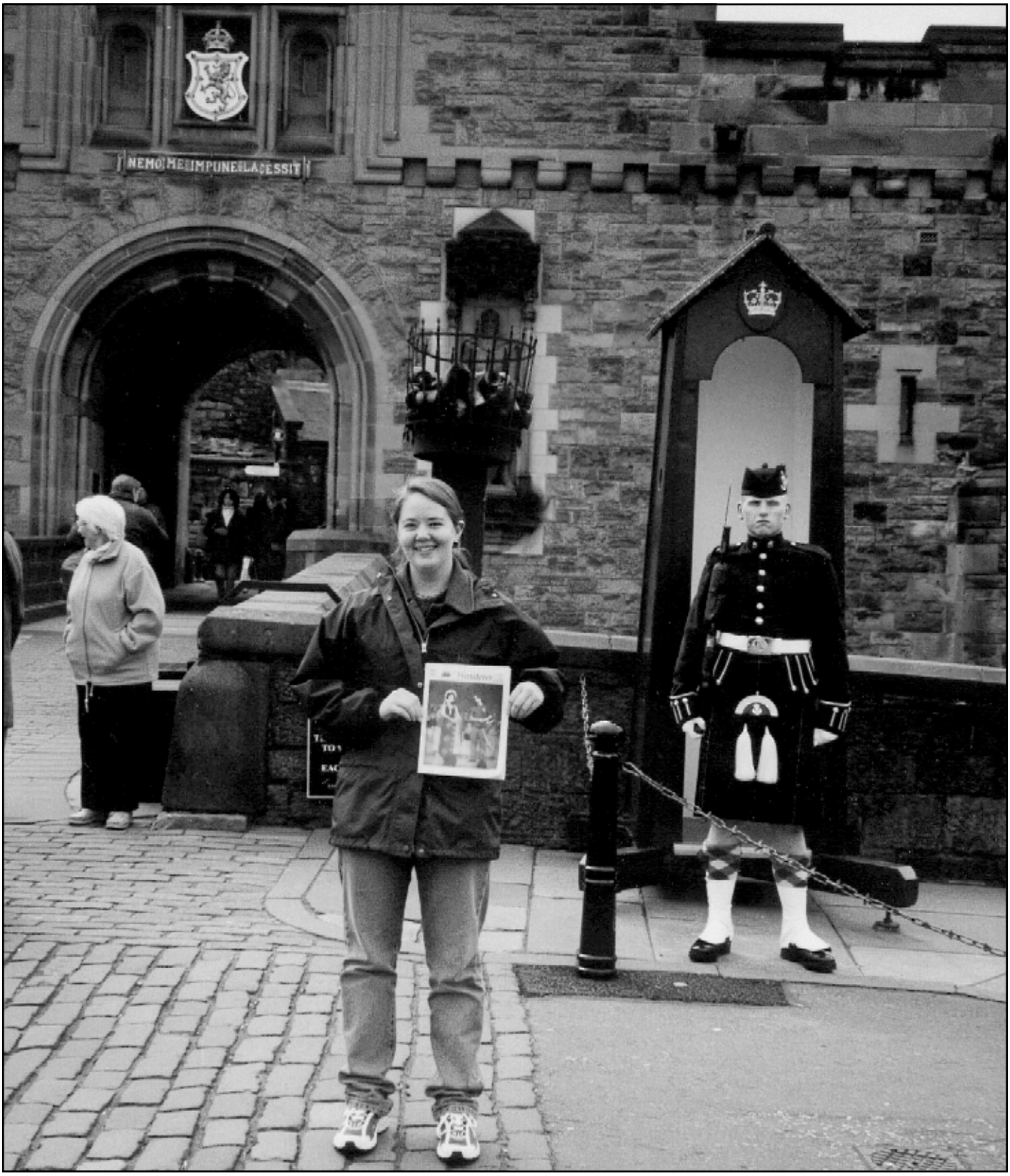

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Citizen Honored

Rochester Grange Honors Resident

The 95th Anniversary of Rochester Grange #257 was celebrated before a crowd of 97 people with the awarding of the Grange Community Citizen Award. This award is given by the Grange to a non-Grange member who is felt to be an asset to the community because of what they do as well as for their attitude towards the community.

Anna Gifford White was chosen for this year's award. June Millett, State Grange Musician, presented the certificate which comes down from the National Grange to a very surprised Anna at the Grange Altar. In a brief biography read by Secretary Susan LaFleur, Ms. White's many activities were listed. The Rochester native, one of nine children, grew up on Dexter Lane in the center of town. She worked as Clerk of the Board of Selectmen for 15 years under eight different Selectmen. Six were in the hall to wish her well.

Anna is a member of the First Congregational Church, currently serving as Deacon for the third time, is a long-standing member of the choir and the Church Historian. She also helps on numerous projects throughout the year. Currently Chairwoman of the Rochester Historical Commission, she and her committee members are working to put together and save as much history of the town as they can for others to learn and enjoy. She is a member of the Rochester Woman's Club, the Rochester Historical Society, and the newly-formed Rochester Greenways Committee.

In the past, Anna has worked with the Salvation

Above: *Members of Mattapoisett Girl Scout Troops 82 and 29 pitched in to help clean up the Seahorse Property at the corner of North Street and Route 6 last Friday, April 20, in an effort to earn their "Earth Day" badges. They picked up pine cones, burned brush, raked leaves, and even learned how to start a fire and obtain a burning permit. Representatives from the Mattapoisett Land Trust helped coordinate the clean-up and also taught the scouts about their efforts to preserve open space in town. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).*

On the cover: *Rachel Beard of Mattapoisett took a recent trip to Edinburgh, Scotland last month and poses here in front of Edinburgh Castle with a copy of* The Wanderer. *Rachel spent about eight days in Scotland and stayed in Glasgow while visiting many of the sites. We're happy to still see a steady stream of photo submissions from our readers and continue to welcome them. Just remember: not every photo can make our cover ... we only have 50 of those per year! Like all our "World Wanderers," Rachel will receive a complimentary Wanderer coffee mug for her submission. (Photo by John Hendry, courtesy of Rachel Beard).*

Above: *Anna Gifford White of Rochester was honored recently by Rochester Grange #257 with the Grange Community Citizen Award during the organization's 95th anniversary celebration. A Rochester native, Ms. White has been very active in town and previously served as Clerk to the Board of Selectmen — many past members of which were in attendance to congratulate her on this honor.*

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Army and Marion Visiting Nurses. These are just a few of the things which keep her hopping on a daily basis. The wife of the late Ainsley White, she is the mother of two sons and one daughter.

Following the presentation of the certificate, Master Elizabeth Gonneville presented Ms. White with a gift from the Rochester Grange. Anna's son Andrew read a note and presented her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers from himself and his sister and brother, who live out of state. Morrie Gifford, Anna's brother, and his wife gave her a corsage and letters were read from a sister and brother both living out of state. Another sister, Barbara Lamy of Fairhaven, was also in attendance. George Smith, who is a Deacon of the Church and a friend, read a lovely poem which he had written titled "A Tribute to Anna."

When asked to speak, Ms. White said that she was totally surprised and overwhelmed as well as amazed. She wondered how the Grange had managed to keep the secret so well with so many people knowing of the award. She thanked the Rochester Grange and everyone in the hall and noted that she was reminded of a line that says, in part, "Dear hearts and gentle people," which is exactly how she thinks about Rochester and the people who live there.

The evening's entertainment was a group of fifteen from Rhode Island known as the Valley Singers. Made up mostly of Senior Citizens, they sang all the old favorites and everyone in the hall had a grand time of

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joining in on many of the old songs. Refreshments and a social hour followed the music.

There were 22 Grange and town dignitaries present and all of the organizations with which Anna works were represented. Five out of nine living past members were also in attendance. The Rochester Grange would like to note that of the 97 in the hall, over 50 were there because of how they felt towards Rochester's choice for Community Citizen 2001. Rochester Grange would again like to congratulate Anna on her award and wish her much success in all she sets out to do.

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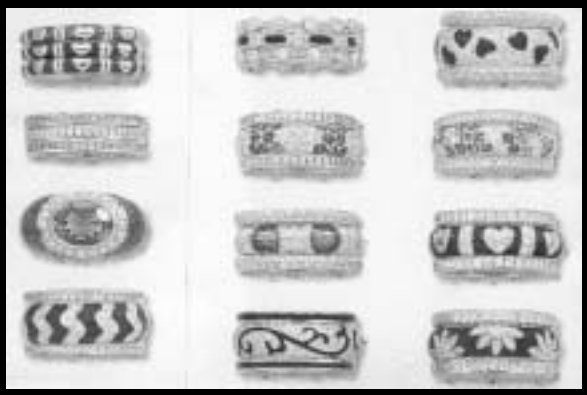

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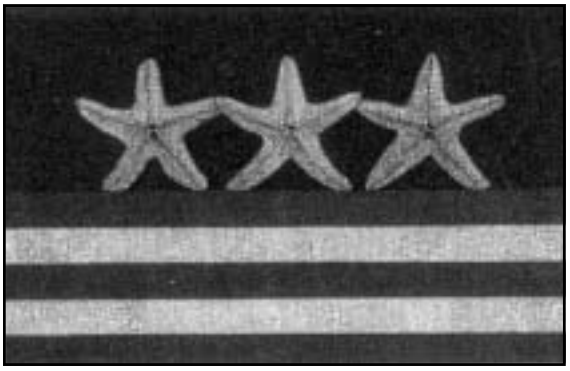

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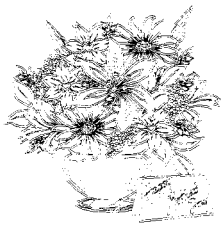

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Scouts Clean Up Seahorse Property

On Friday, April 20, Girl Scouts from Troops 82 and 29 in Mattapoisett went to the Seahorse property at the corner of Route 6 and North Street in Mattapoisett to earn an Earth Day badge. Duties included picking up pine cones, burning brush, raking leaves, and learning how to start a fire (including how to obtain a burning permit), and how to keep the fire burning once started. Also, they learned about the Mattapoisett Land Trust — especially the Seahorse property.

Representing Girl Scout Junior Troop 29 were: Erin Burke, Nina Greco, Ann Marie Kassabran, Holly Gordon, Alicia Sullivan, Katelyn Florio, Mikayla Florio, Alex Corazzini, Adriann Corazzini, Samantha Bailey, Sophie Vermilyea, and Bridget LaValley. The troop leaders are Sheila Dugosinski and Maria Alves, with helper Ann Florio.

Representing Girl Scout Cadette Troop 82 were: Rebecca Davis, Kate Dlugosinski, and helper Patricia Davis.

Not pictured: Paul "Ozzie" Osenkowski representing the Mattapoisett Land Trust and Alan Schubert, Committee Coordinator between the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Girl Scouts.

Writing Cycle

Author Appearance in Mattapoisett

On Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 pm, author Erika Warmbrunn will give a reading and slide show of her new book, *Where the Pavement Ends: One Woman's Bicycle Trip Through Mongolia, China and Vietnam* at Techline Design Home, 64 Fairhaven Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett, located near the Mattapoisett River. The appearance is being sponsored by the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library and the author will sign copies of her book after

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Erika Warmbrunn lives in New York City and is a summer visitor to Mattapoisett. Her translation of Chekov's *The Seagull* was produced off-Broadway in 1999. On Broadway, she has written and performed the live simultaneous translations of the Sovremennik Theater of Moscow's productions of *The Cherry Orchard, Three Sisters,* and *Into the Whirlwind.* As a stagehand she has worked for

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Where the Pavement Ends is a Barnes and Noble Small Press Month Selection. Reviewed in *American Cyclist,* editor Daniel D'Ambrosio writes: "Erika Warmbrunn may not have been a cyclist when she began the journey, but she surely was a writer."

Mattapoisett Selectmen's Meeting

April 23, 2001

By Rebecca Fortin

A regular meeting of the Mattapoisett Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Paul Lambalot on Monday, April 23, 2001 at 7:00 pm. Also present were Selectman Barry Denham, Selectman Ray Andrews, and Executive Secretary Carol Adams.

After unanimously accepting the minutes of the April 2, April 11 April 14 and April 19 meetings, the board met with N-Star representative Sue Faria in regards to a request for two additional poles to be located adjacent to lots 12 and 36 on Crystal Spring Road.

Ms. Faria explained that the additional poles are needed to provide fiber optics that will eventually be installed on the street. Two concerned residents were present for the discussion, and they were given the opportunity to ask Ms. Faria, as well as the board, any questions that they had in regards to the installation of the poles.

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proposed pole, had questions regarding the aesthetics of the pole. Her concerns were alleviated when she learned that pole would be a simple telephone pole, and not a tower. Subsequently, there were no objections from the residents and the board approved the petition for the two poles on Crystal Spring Road.

Chairman Lambalot noted that this was the first regular meeting since the recent election, in which Selectman Denham was re-elected, so that it was necessary to "reorganize the board." Selectman Andrews nominated Chairman Lambalot to remain on as chairman, and Selectman Denham agreed, citing their successful working relationship. Acknowledging that both Selectman Denham and Andrews were eligible to take

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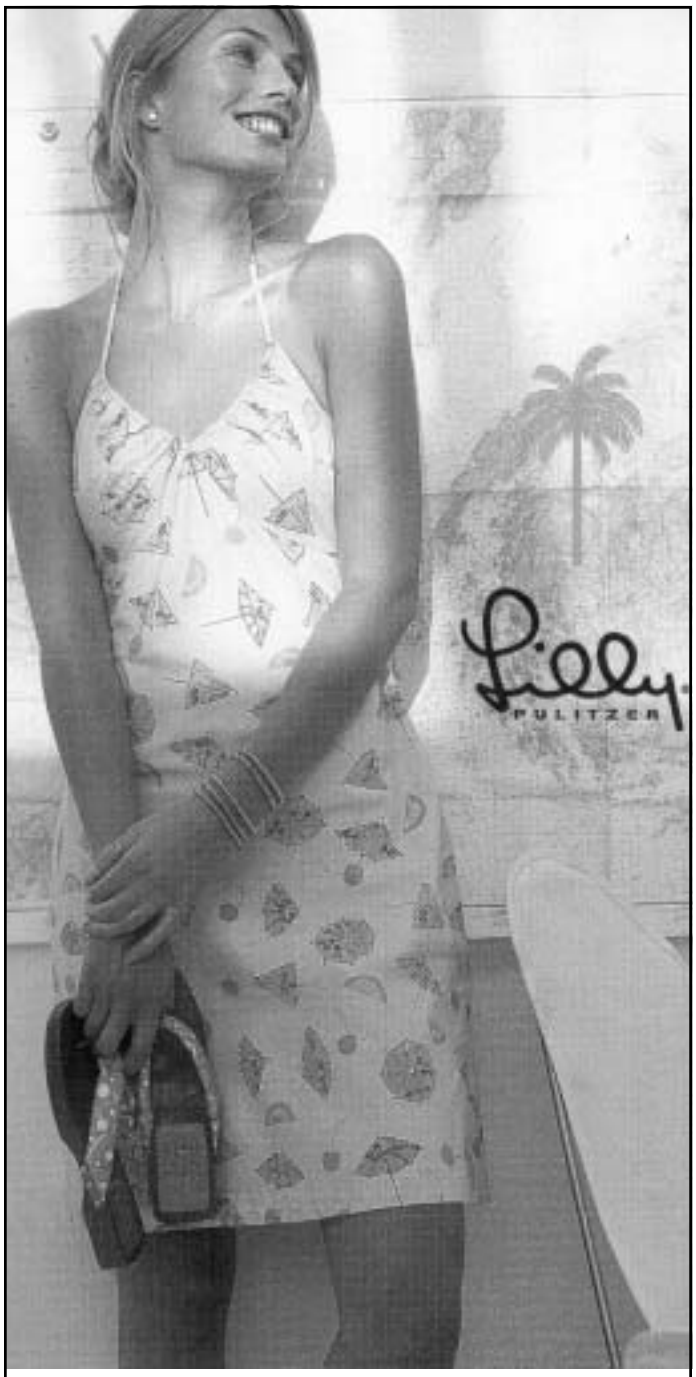

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over the position of chairman, he accepted their nomination and remains chairman.

Next on the agenda, the board approved a request from Jose Silvestre of South Dartmouth to renew his Hawkers & Peddlers License for an ice cream truck. The board then appointed Tammy L. Gibson as Deputy Shellfish Constable/Dog Officer. Selectman Denham explained that there are several deputies who fill in when the Shellfish/Dog Officer is off-duty.

Finally, the board appointed the following individuals to serve in the Town Clerk Search Committee; Richard W. Blasdale, Lois K. Ennis, Judith M. Mooney, Noreen D. Lyonnais, Paul E. Millot. The deadline for accepting applications for the position of the appointed Town Clerk is May 2, with a term to expire next spring, at which point the person is expected to run for re-appointment. The board encourages any qualified individuals to apply for the position.

Meetings scheduled throughout the week include the following:

• Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm - Meeting with the Board of Assessors.

• Wednesday, April 26 at 12:00 pm - Elementary School Building Committee at the Town Hall.

• Sunday, April 29 at 5:00 pm - Alewives Anonymous, Inc., Annual Meeting and Chowder Dinner at the Rochester Grange Hall.

The second appointment of the evening was with Despina Moran-Devlin who requested a Hawkers & Peddlers License to operate a "push cart" at the town beach to serve refreshments. Ms. Moran-Devlin explained that she will only offer ice cream, soft drinks and steamed hot dogs, and will not serve any foods that requiring cooking. Also, she will be confined to the beach area, as there is another individual who operates at the wharf. The board unanimously approves her request.

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The board reviewed the outgoing correspondence, which included the following;

• Correspondence was sent to the Board of Appeals Chairman Jeff Chase with regard to the Selectmen's decision to remove the skateboard park component from Appeals Case 904. The decision was based on the many concerns of residents and neighbors who will be living within close proximity to the park. According to Chairman Lambalot, there "was not enough information provided" to address the concerns that people had. Selectman Denham wishes to reassure residents that this does not dissolve their interest in developing a skateboard park, and that the idea will be re-submitted when a more suitable piece of land is identified.

• A memo was forwarded to the Town Accountant authorizing payment of Pina litigation settlement, recently approved at a Special Town Meeting.

• A memo was sent to Conservation Commission (ConCom) Chairman John DeMello in regards to erosion repair at the bathing beach. The board wishes to thank

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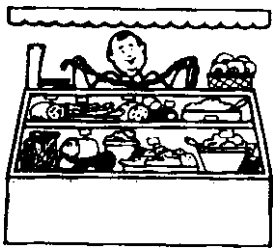

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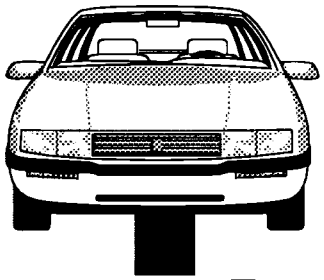

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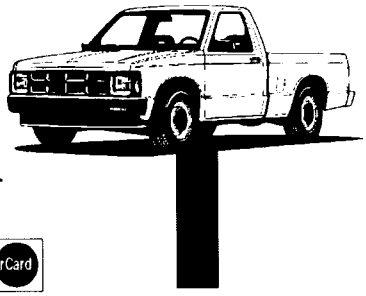

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Incoming correspondence included the following items:

• A memo was received from the Finance Committee informing all departments that Reserve Funds for FY2001 are not available. The funds have already been earmarked to a variety of departments. Therefore, departments are urged to use extra caution with expenditures — no money will be available if budgets are exceeded. Fire Chief Ron Scott, for his part, is examining the possibility for state reimbursement. During the recent rainy season, the fire department pumped water out of some 60 homes, and Chief Scott is hopeful he can get reimbursed for the cost of such unanticipated expenses.

The salaries of the firefighters could be jeopardized if the funds are not available, which was alarming to the board. Chairman Lambalot suggested the possibility of creating an article for Town Meeting that would allow for money to be taken out of the Stabilization Fund, in the event that it is needed. Selectman Denham raised his concern over removing money from the fund, although he recognized the potential need. He urges the department heads "to do their best to stay within the budgets."

Selectman Andrews agreed with Chairman Lambalot, and feels that if Chief Scott is not able to receive reimbursement, the board should act and transfer funds.

• Red Cross Emergency Service Program Manager Alda Fredette requested a meeting with the board to inform the public as to the many services provided to Mattapoisett.

• A memo was received from Fire Chief Scott inviting the board to attend Firefighter Night on June 8 at

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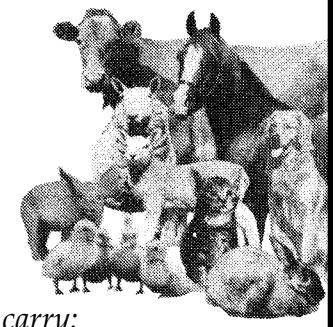

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• A memo was also received from Chief Scott advising that the annual Firefighter One/Two Burn class will take place on May 6 at the Barnstable Fire Academy.

• A memo was received from Police Officer Mitchell Suzan informing the Selectman of the new slate of officers for the Mattapoisett Police Union.

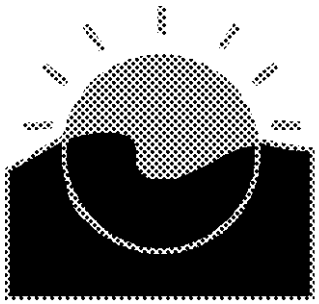
• Chairman of the Mattapoisett Council of Aging (COA) Madeline Reid relayed the opinion that the Senior Center would not benefit by being part of the proposed fire facility due to the nature of the Council's operation. Selectman Denham explained that use of the conference room in the proposed Fire Department building was offered to the COA, but they have declined the offer.

• A memo was received from the Office of Veteran's Services for the towns of Mattapoisett and Rochester officially advising that Barry Denham has been appointed as the towns' Veteran's Agent.

• The board has been invited to attend the annual meeting of Alewives Anonymous, Inc. to be held at the Rochester Grange Hall on April 29 at 5:00 pm.

• Jayne Gagnon submitted a letter requesting consideration for appointment to the Mattapoisett Recreation Committee.

• Notification was received from the Division of Marine Fisheries informing that effective April 1 through December 31 the Town Landing will be closed to the taking of shellfish.



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• Resident Cynthia Johnson submitted a letter expressing her interest in serving, upon the creation, of the Tax Relief Committee, which will be proposed to voters at the Annual Town Meeting on May 21.

• Robert Price submitted a letter of interest in becoming a member of the Bicycle Path Committee.

• Correspondence was also received from Jeff and Diane Foster in regards to recent vandalism and destruction of their property.

Without any further matters to discuss, the board unanimously agreed to adjourn for the evening at 8:00 pm.

Marion Annual Town Meeting

April 23-24, 2001

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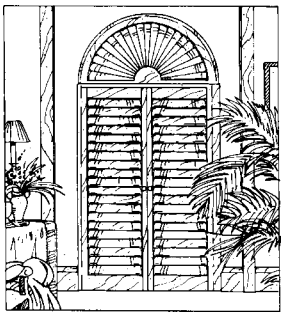

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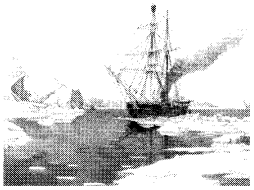

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invocation and the singing of the National Anthem, Mr. Titus introduced newly-appointed Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock and welcomed her to her first Town Meeting.

Before considering the 28 articles on the Town Meeting warrant, voters listened to a brief presentation from Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Lee Hayes on the town's financial outlook for the pending fiscal year and what it will mean to taxpayers over the next several years.

"Over the past couple of years, we have attempted to show what the increase in capital spending ... (will have on) your taxes over the next five to ten years," Mr. Hayes said. "The budget that you're going to vote on tonight is the first of several years where we'll experience increases which (reflect) the 6.5 percent increase we've had in past years. Even though we knew it was coming, when we saw it on paper this year, it made it difficult. The vast majority of spending is due to either past commitments or fixed expenses that are very difficult to cut."

Mr. Hayes said they were several "spending increase factors" which accounted for the budget hike. Among these: the rate of growth in Marion; the rate of increase in the cost for personnel; state mandated

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improvements; and the level of expectations citizens have for town services. Key components of the Fiscal Year 2002 budget breakdown: $698,000 in Debt Expenses (54 percent increase); $308,000 in General Operating Expenses (6 percent increase); and $464,000 in the School Budget (8 percent increase), for a total $1.47 million hike (12.8 percent increase).

The bulk of this year's budget jumps, according to Mr. Hayes, are due to contractual obligations which they must honor. "Presently our tax rate is at $12.76 per $1,000," he said. "However, we're entering a time when we're going to be investing in our infrastructure. The

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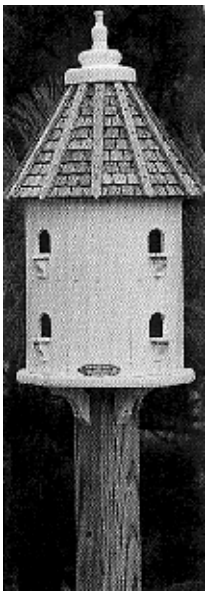

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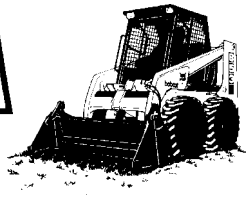

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budget is really a reflection of the services residents want ... those are the kinds of things that I mean by 'expectations.' Very little of this is changeable unless we lower our expectations or reduce the rate of growth in town. That doesn't mean we can't find cost savings ... and we'll do it as best as possible. But we're looking at some fairly hefty tax increases this year and in years to come."

With that, voters were asked to consider ARTICLE 1, which asked them to approve compensation amounts for the following elected officials: Selectmen ($4,450 per year); Assessors ($4,264 per year); Board of Health ($1,646 per year); Town Clerk ($16,176); Treasurer ($24,147); Collector ($24,147); Town Moderator for Annual Town Meeting ($216); Town Moderator for Special Town Meeting ($72). The article passed unanimously.

Under ARTICLE 2, voters were asked to approve a total $13.625 million General Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2002. Several voters had questions about select line items — especially those which were increased significantly over FY2001 — and placed "holds" on those for further discussion.

The largest single increase was proposed under the Board of Assessors line item, which requested an 86.6 percent hike from $27,542 in FY2001 to $51,402 in FY2002. Assessor Bradford Eames explained that this was mainly

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due to an administrative staff position which will now be incorporated into their budget.

"Kathy Gibbs has informed us that she intends to retire," he said. "Currently her salary is part of the Administrative Services budget, (but) we'd like to have her salary included under the Assessors' budget."

Another resident questioned why the budget for "Parades" had jumped 51.4 percent from $7,000 to $10,600 this year.

Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson explained that this additional money would be used to cover salaries for special officers (some of which are hired from out of town) to police the town's annual Fourth of July Fireworks celebration — an event which has become quite popular each year.

"Because of the extra costs of the barge this year, the town agreed to pay the extra money to cover these costs," Selectman Dickerson said.

With that, voters unanimously approved

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ARTICLE 2.

The bulk of the first evening's discussion and debate centered around ARTICLE 22, which was introduced by petition and supported by Linda Marcoux of Register Road, to amend the town's By-Laws to add a new section prohibiting smoking in all work places within the Town of Marion. The article, if approved, would supersede the existing Marion Board of Health regulations.

"Our proposal eliminates smoking in any establishment except a private residence," Ms. Marcoux said. "The Marion Board of Health decided not to make their regulations any more stringent. On March 1, information on this proposed article was given to the Board of Health and the PACT Program even offered their assistance in drafting the article. The Board of Health decided to let the voters of Marion decide on the proposed by-law."

But Board of Health Chairman Albin Johnson criticized the proposed amendment, saying it should be done in a way so that both businesses and residents were able to voice their input on the matter via public hearings.

"By taking the regulation out of the Marion Sanitary Code ... you're doing it in one evening without any input other than Town Meeting," Mr. Johnson said.

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"If you put this into the by-laws, you have to wait until the next Town Meeting to make any changes. We should have had public hearings ... we should have gotten public input from businesses and citizens before making these changes."

Even though many residents agreed that second-hand smoke was a serious health concern, they also seemed to agree with Mr. Johnson in that such a change should be done with public input.

"I am not a smoker, I have not smoked for a number of years, but to take the rights away from someone is wrong," said Lee Vulgaris. "This should be

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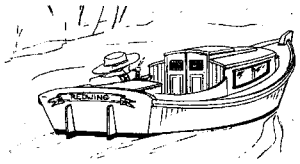

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done through the Board of Health with all the proper hearings and it should be more democratic."

"I haven't smoked for over 15 years," said Helen Westergard. "I've since developed asthma and cigarette smoke bothers me, but I don't feel we're prepared to adopt this (article) as it is ... I move to indefinitely postpone."

With that, the motion to indefinitely postpone — effectively killing the amendment — was passed via two-thirds majority vote.

ARTICLE 15, which asked voters to appropriate a sum of money to reduce the tax rate, was postponed until the completion of the Special Town Meeting within the Annual Town Meeting slated for Tuesday, April 24; and ARTICLE 19, which asked voters to amend the Zoning By-Laws to rezone the "General Business" district, was tabled indefinitely.

Town Meeting voters also approved:

• $15,000 to cover the costs of removing three 1,000-gallon underground fuel storage tanks at the Little Neck Housing complex (ARTICLE 3);

• $17,500 for the Board of Assessors to hire technical consulting services and cover related expenses in connection with the town's property revaluation (ARTICLE 4);

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• $5,720 to fund a Coordinator Specialist for the Council on Aging who will work ten hours per week at $11 per hour, subject to approval at the polls (ARTICLE 5);

• $200,000 for the Department of Public Works to pave various town roads which have been deemed a priority by DPW Superintendent Rob Zora (ARTICLE 6);

• $50,000 to fund the upgrade of the comminutor and controls unit at the town's main sewer station — a 30-year-old unit which needs replacement (ARTICLE 7);

• Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to obtain approximately 86 acres of land adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (ARTICLE 8);

• $162,000 for the Marine Resources Commission to fund the reconstruction of the Old Landing north dock

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and the construction of a platform ramp for access to the existing float at the Old Landing south dock, with funds to come from the increased mooring fees assessed to boat owners (ARTICLE 9);

• $4,000 to be used by the Marine Resources Commission to cover the costs of purchasing equipment for the Harbormaster's boat (ARTICLE 10);

• $10,000 to be used by the Library Trustees as start-up funding for a library renovation campaign to expand and renovate the existing Elizabeth Taber Library building (ARTICLE 11);

• $140,000 transfer into a "Compensated Absence Balance Account" for the purpose of funding accrued benefits for retiring town employees who have worked for the town for 20 years or have reached retirement age of 62 years or older (ARTICLE 12);

• $50,000 transfer into the town's Stabilization Fund (current balance: $364,200) to cover any unforeseen expenses in future years, bringing the balance in that account to $414,200 (ARTICLE 13);

• $9,000 transfer in accrued interest from the Chester A. Vose Fund to be used to reduce the tax rate (ARTICLE 14);

• Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to transfer the care and custody of four parcels of land to the

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town's Open Space Acquisition Committee (ARTICLE 16);

• Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to transfer the care and custody of five parcels totalling 32.5 acres — collectively known as Washburn Park — to the Marion Recreation Committee (ARTICLE 17);

• Amendment to the town's Zoning By-Laws to extend the current restriction on the rate of development in Marion — which allows a maximum of 26 new dwelling units annually — another five years through January 1, 2007 (ARTICLE 18);

• Authorization of permanent easement rights to Commonwealth Electric to access the NexTel building located on the Town Barn site (ARTICLE 20);

• Acquisition of a sewer easement from Tremont Advent Christian Camp Meeting Association for the purpose of providing access to the sewer line which was installed as part of Oakdale Avenue project (ARTICLE 21);

• Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to seek out grant funding from federal and state sources for various town improvement projects (ARTICLE 23);

• Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to institute, defend or compromise any suits of law on behalf of the town (ARTICLE 24);

• Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to sell off town-owned articles provided the town no longer has any use for them (ARTICLE 25);

• Authorization for the Board of Selectmen to sell any taxation possession property held by the town as per Massachusetts General Laws (ARTICLE 26);

• Consider the reports of town officers and committees (ARTICLE 27); and

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• Authorization for the Annual Town Election for officers to be held on Friday, April 27 at the Marion Music Hall, including two override ballot questions as approved by Town Meeting (ARTICLE 28).

Upon completion of all the articles on the regular warrant, Town Meeting unanimously voted to recess until the following evening (Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm) to consider five articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant.

On the second night, Town Moderator David Titus called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm having noted the presence of a quorum and voters unanimously approved the following articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant:

• $15,000 transfer from Free Cash to be used by the Department of Public Works (DPW) to cover the cost of repairs to the Silvershell Beach bath house (ARTICLE S1);

• $48,500 to be used by the DPW to cover the cost of additional snow and ice removal during the previous winter season (ARTICLE S2);

• $23,000 to be used by Administrative Services to fund the Marion Town Employees' Association collective bargaining agreement for wage increases which were approved in the newly-signed contract (ARTICLE S3);

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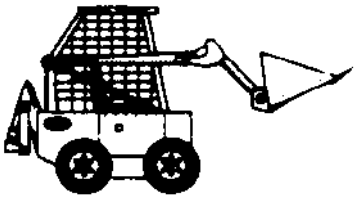

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• $10,000 to cover the cost of increased runs by the town's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) under ARTICLE S4;

• $19,900 to be used by the Building Department to cover the cost of inspections (ARTICLE S5).

Returning to the Annual Town Meeting warrant, voters also unanimously voted to transfer $356,688 from available Free Cash for the reduction of taxes under ARTICLE 15, which had been postponed the previous evening to determine the amount of remaining Free Cash available.

With Town Meeting business completed, the

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Board of Selectmen presented gifts to the following people for their past service to the town: Chris Bryant for his work on the Open Space Acquisition Committee; Don Kusza for his work with the Planning Board, SRPEDD, and Mattapoisett River Valley Protection Committee; Lisa Durr for her work with the Marion School Committee; and Carolyn Ogren for working with the Marion Council on Aging (COA).

Last, but not least, Selectman Winters wanted to once again publicly recognize outgoing Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer for her 12 years of service to the town as a Selectman and nine previous years as a member of the Marion School Committee.

"We though we should recognize the work she's done for the town for many, many years," he said. "Her serving on the School Committee for nine years, and then on the Board of Selectmen for 12 years. She's done a fantastic job, she's held every office and committee ... (and) she did a lot of work to keep the Music Hall going. We could go on and on with what she's done for the town ... there really aren't words enough to say thank you for all she's done ... but thank you!"

With that, Ms. Schaefer was presented with a bouquet of flowers and greeted with a standing ovation from Town Meeting members.

"I really would like to say thank you to all the people who have supported me over the last 21 years," Ms. Schaefer said. "The people of this community are wonderful, they give of themselves and they make this community a special place. I'd also like to thank my family ... they've been very supportive and there have been many nights when they've been home alone. But I've enjoyed it."

There being no further matters to consider, the Annual Town Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm and voters were reminded to vote in the Annual Town Election to be held on Friday, April 27.

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Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

April 23, 2001

By Ilana Mackin

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, April 23 at 6:50 pm by Chairman Naida Parker. Also present were Selectman Richard Cutler, Selectman Patricia Ryan, Town Administrator James Huntoon and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere.

As a first order of business the board did their annual reorganization of positions. Selectman Ryan and Selectman Parker both nominated Richard Cutler as the new Chairman and Ms. Ryan will now take the seat as Vice Chairman, with Naida Parker assuming all Clerk duties.

The board next met with Chief Dispatcher Kathy O'Brien, who approached the board to push the process along in the appointment of filling the part-time dispatcher position. Ms. O'Brien introduced the board to her nominee, Donna Fairclough of Walnut Plain Road, who has applied for the open position in light of the recent quick resignation of a current dispatcher.

Ms. O'Brien stated that she would like to nominate Ms. Fairclough to the position because "she has good organizational skills," is able to multi-task very well and held her last employment position as the director of a ladies home for over 16 years. Ms. Fairclough is also a CPR Trainer and is CPR certified, and has had a great deal of involvement with the Fire Department. She has been a lifelong resident of Rochester and Ms. O'Brien stated that, "she would be a good asset to the department."

"Kathy has been putting in a lot of extra hours because there's no one to work," stated Selectman Ryan, who moved to push this through the Personnel Board in order to appoint Ms. Fairclough as soon as possible.

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If you have done the 3 steps described above and the dog still has diarrhea, it is time to have your veterinarian evaluate the dog and possibly perform additional tests in order to obtain a diagnosis. This is especially important if your dog lacks his normal energy level, is losing weight or has an uncharacteristically poor appetite.

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"We usually try to get the word of the personnel board first, but under the current circumstances (we should appoint)," said Chairman Cutler. The board agreed to grant their approval contingent upon the official appointment slip that will be put through to the Personnel Board.

At 7:10 pm the board moved on to the evening's scheduled business with the approval of the minutes from the April 9 meeting. The meeting scheduled with Police Chief William Przybylek and Highway Surveyor Jeff Eldridge regarding the speed monitor was postponed until next week enabling the board time to meet with Town Treasurer John A. Hall earlier than planned; Mr. Hall wanted to discuss the town's current issues of borrowing.

Mr. Hall spoke to the board members to keep them updated on the information that he receives regarding the available possibilities for refinancing and/or applying for monies the town needs to continue its current projects including those promised for the new police station and the new senior center. "I'm here to ask what the town feels they can afford as a payment," said Mr. Hall in his conversation about evaluating the best way to approach current debt loans.

With several options in light of recently changing interest rates, he is asking the board, along with the assistance of the Finance Committee to look into the best rate for payments, possibilities of early pay-off or refinancing to spread it all out.

Selectman Ryan said: "The Board of Selectmen supports the Finance Committee's investigating what would work best for the town."

The board moved to project a June 2001 meeting to discuss this matter further with Mr. Hall's suggestion. In a closing comment, Mr. Hall remarked that "Every penny counts."

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At 7:25 pm the board provided signatures to the following:

• A Special Municipal Employee Designation for the position of Conservation Assistant held by Noreen Hartley was approved.

• Selectman Parker motioned to sign off on an invoice from Perry, Hicks, Crotty and Deshaies for legal services rendered to the town in the month of March 2001 totaling $6,718.34.

• The board agreed to approve a Flammable Fluid Permit to Sarah Miquelle, but also entertained the motion to ask Fire Chief Scott Ashworth to come in and talk to them regarding the regulations for tanks and fees relative to the number of tanks per permit.

The board then made their annual appointments to the Police Department, Conservation Commission, Soil Conservation BOS representative, Soil Conservation (at large), Fire Chief, Town Accountant, Building Commissioner, Assistant Building Commissioner, Wiring Inspector, Assistant Wiring Inspector, Town Counsel and Certified Weigher's at SEMASS. The Dispatcher

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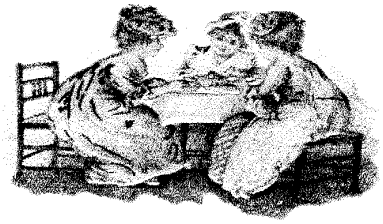

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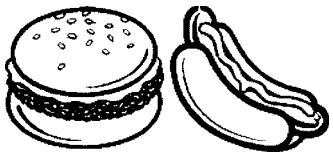

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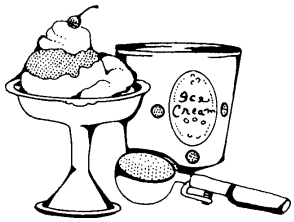

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appointment signatures were held off at the request of Ms. O'Brien and the Gas/Plumbing Inspectors will also be done at a later date.

In this week's Town Administrator's Report, Mr. Huntoon asked the board for permission to go in and speak with the Principals of the schools in order to arrange a different location for employees to pick up their checks during summer vacation. Having the employees pick up their checks at Town Hall has created a great deal of traffic during the summer months that he would like to see eliminated due to current space restraints.

In another matter Mr. Huntoon also asked the board to allow him to speak to GAF Engineering to lay out three Form A's on the Dexter's Lane property for the Police Station, the Council on Aging and the land in between. The board agreed that it would be useful for Mr. Huntoon to look into a layout to divide the three lots.

Mr. Huntoon next alluded to an item on this week's correspondence from Hiller Brothers, Inc. which asks the town to make a decision on its interest or lack thereof in acquiring a ten-acre piece of property (under Chapter 61) that they intend to sell in order to add it to another one of their existing lots. With a bit of confusion in regards to the lot map diagrams provided by the Hiller Brothers, Inc. attorney's office, the board agreed to waive the right to acquisition under Chapter 61 "so that the running of the notice period can be expedited," contingent upon a correction of accurate lot number designation in the request.

Under the review of this week's correspondence the Alewives Anonymous, Inc. will be holding their Annual Meeting on April 29 at 5:00 pm at the Rochester Grange Hall, and reservations are required for those interested.

The Town Clerk announced that there is a vacancy on the Board of Assessors in light of the recent resignation tendered by Kathleen McHenry to take effect as of May 31, 2001. Ms. McHenry has also resigned from her position as Assistant Treasurer due to her planned move to Florida.

A letter of resignation from the Personnel Board was received from Randal Cabral, who has now expressed an interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Alda Fredette of the American Red Cross submitted a request to meet with the board to inform the town of the services that they can provide in an effort to form a partnership to help provide information to the people of the community.

Paul and Marilyn Lund made their annual request to use the small parcel of town land to access the Perry's Campground entrance. The town agreed to send them their annual approval of this request. The Stream & Lakers Fishing Club notified the board that they will be conducting their annual clean up around Mary's Pond and should be able to dispose of the trash with out assistance from the town.

With no notices to announce for the week, Mr. Huntoon informed the board that under the matter of old business, the Mutual Aid Agreement is still on hold until the Chief gets back and they are still in discussion regarding the Sergeant's Policy.

Chairman Cutler asked if Mr. Huntoon could arrange for the board to get a private walk through of the Town Barn prior to the official Open House to be announced at a later date.

Selectman Parker added that under the matter of new business, Coastline Elderly Services met with the town's COA looking for input from senior residents in areas that they feel need to be addressed. She mentioned that one issue brought up was focused on transportation and the possibility of public transportation coming into

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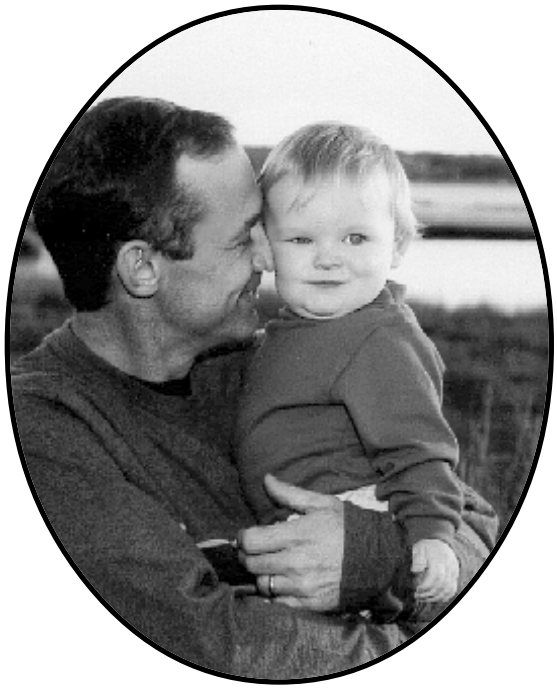

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At 7:45 pm, with no further business to come before the board they unanimously voted to go into Executive Session and would thereafter adjourn for the evening.

Sports Shorts

By Kenneth J. Souza

Comedy Basketball in Rochester

The Rochester Police Brotherhood is pleased to sponsor a night of comedy basketball. Members of the Brotherhood along with members of the Rochester Fire Department, Rochester Communications Department and the Old Colony Basketball team will be hosting the game against the Harlem Rockets. The Rockets, a premier comedy basketball team features Sayeed "Rainbow" Muntaqim, "King of Basketball Comedy" at 6'6", Sedric "Sed Boogle" Veazey at 6'9" and Ricky "Rim Rocker" Lopes at 7'2".

Game time is set for 7:00 pm on April 28 at the Old Colony Voke Tech gym located on North Avenue in Rochester. This is comedy basketball at its best, along with the Harlem Rocket's famous halftime show. The game is free to all those that were sent tickets for donating to the Brotherhood's annual fund drive conducted last month. Be sure to have your tickets with you that night. After ticket holders are seated the game will be free to all others until the seats are full. This will be a night of fun and laughter for young and old alike, so mark your calendar and hope to see you there.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

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to be a part of ... or so I thought! To my surprise, upon arriving I realized the hall was filled with many members of my very large family. Also present were current and former Rochester Selectmen, officials and members of Rochester Grange and several other granges, members of my church family, representatives from all kinds of community organizations and a host of neighbors and friends.

I soon learned that the Grange was honoring me with their Community Citizen Award. While I feel truly unworthy of such an award, I have to say the entire evening was awesome and will be a treasured keepsake in my book of memories forever. Because I did not get to personally greet all who were there, I want to take this opportunity to thank *everyone* who came and express my appreciation and gratitude for all those who made the evening so unforgettable. The bonds of love and friendship forged while growing up and living in this community and becoming a part of the larger community all around have been one of God's greatest blessings to me. The evening of April 11 was just added confirmation!

Sincerely,
Anna White
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Mattapoisett Tackles Taxes

A campaign is under way in Mattapoisett to promote a proposed solution to the problem of rising residential taxes in the town. The proposed solution is to create a Community Development Department that would bring in new business to expand the town's business tax base, thus relieving the residential tax burden. The proposal is based on the findings of an Economic Development Study Committee (EDSC) and is included among the Articles to be considered at the Annual Town Meeting on May 21. Other objectives of the new department are to retain existing businesses and to insure that new businesses are appropriate to the town, so that it retains its coastal, residential character and does

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not become a sprawling commercial center like some other SouthCoast towns. The campaign slogan is: "Mattapoisett — It's Special. Let's keep it Special *and* Affordable."

The EDSC is a group of the town's citizens assembled by the Planning Board to address the economic development component of the town's 1999 Master Plan. After extensive research, the EDSC concluded the following: first, the best way to relieve the residents' tax burden is to increase the business tax base; and, secondly, that a Community Development Department, with a full-time, professional director accountable to the Board of Selectmen, is the best way to make that happen.

Taxes are increasing because of improvements the town is undertaking. This will continue because of the town's financial needs for school projects, proposed sewer and water improvements, and to meet other expenses, such as salary increases for town employees.

According to the EDSC, the town's residents will receive a number of benefits by supporting the proposed Community Development Department. Just in taxes alone, within five years the average household valued at $200,000 will save more than $500 per year if the Community Development Department is in operation. On the flip side, without such a dedicated Department, taxes will continue to increase for residents, and pressures will grow for less desirable development, jeopardizing the town's present character.

For more information, citizens may contact EDSC Chairman Mark Estes, at 508-758-4088.

The Wanderer Keel Award

The Wanderer is once again soliciting nominations for their eighth annual "Wanderer Keel Awards." The yearly honor — which is presented to one resident from each of the three central towns in our circulation area — will be announced in our May 25, 2001 issue and each winner will be the subject of a short feature highlighting their contributions to the local community. But *The Wanderer* needs your help in selecting these "unsung heroes."

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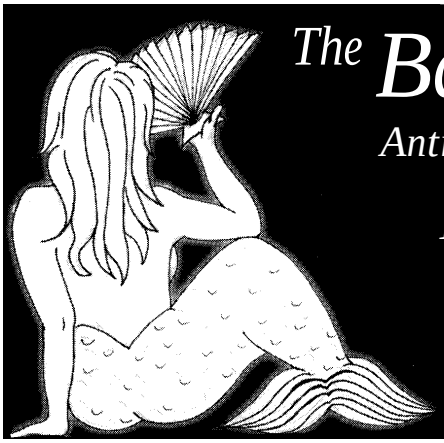

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least five years), and must have contributed in some way to the overall benefit of the community — either directly to town residents, or indirectly through efforts in promoting town activities, or working to keep the wheels of local government well-oiled. The only restriction is that these persons *cannot benefit from their efforts in any other way* — either financially or politically (hence, sitting elected officials are not eligible).

In doing this, we hope to applaud those who are rarely recognized for their countless hours of service and focus on the many people "behind the scenes" who remain otherwise anonymous but provide crucial support to many town functions. Like the keel of a ship which keeps the vessel from capsizing, the recipients of the Annual Wanderer Keel Award will be recognized for their stalwart efforts in keeping the community on an "even keel."

Past recipients of this honor have been:

• **MATTAPOISETT - Maurice "Mudgie" Tavares (1994); Priscilla Alden Hathaway (1995); Norma Holt (1996); Gale Hudson (1997); Kenneth Stickney (1998); Clara Morgan (1999); Betty and Bert Theriault (2000).**

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• **ROCHESTER - Joseph McCarthy (1994); Jean Fennell (1995); Katherine Hartley Church (1996); Chris Byron (1997); Albert Alderson (1998); Arthur and Aline Lionberger (1999); Kenneth E. Daggett (2000).**

Please send the name, address and telephone number of recommended nominees, along with a short description of their key contributions to the community to: Keel Award, *The Wanderer,* P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The deadline for nominations is **Monday, May 21 at 3:00 pm**. Recipients will be contacted by telephone on Tuesday, May 22 prior to being announced in the May 25 issue. Staff members of *The Wanderer* and employees of Wanderer Communications are not eligible for consideration.

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Habitat Tool Sale

The Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity (BBAHFH) will be holding a used tool sale on May 5. The sale will be held in the Wal-Mart parking lot on Alden Road in Fairhaven from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon. Proceeds from the sale will go toward future construction projects in the SouthCoast Massachusetts area. During the next few weeks BBAHFH will be accepting donations of tools to include in their sale. Now is the time to clean out that cellar or garage and put your tools to work for a good cause. All donations are welcome: power or hand tools in good condition as well as some unused building supplies ... please no paint or appliances.

To donate tools or if you have questions, you can call Bob at 508-295-6612, Russ at 508-748-6662, or Paul at 508-758-9055. Donations can also be dropped off at the office of *The Wanderer* newspaper, 55 County Road (Route 6) in Mattapoisett on Monday, Thursday or Friday from

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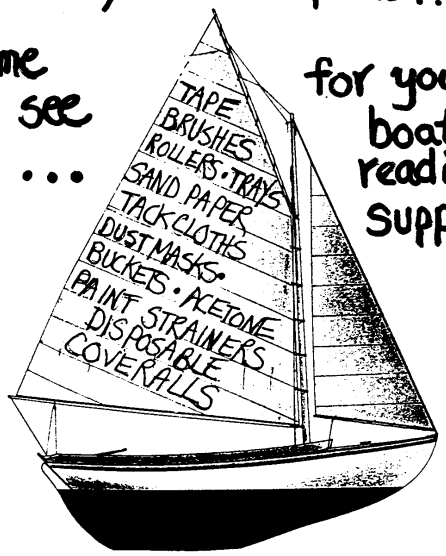

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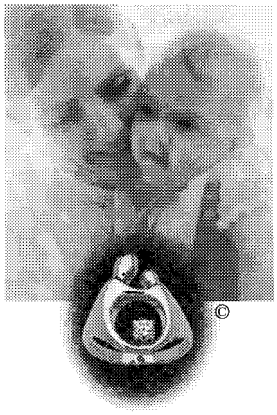

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Friends of Paul Hubbard

The Friends of Paul Hubbard would like to thank everyone who made it possible for Paul to be able to purchase a 2000 Dodge van. The group now needs to raise money to add a raised roof and a lift so he can use the new van. They will hold a benefit Spaghetti Supper on Friday, May 4, 2001 from 5:00 to 8:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children. For tickets, please call Donna at 508-758-9838, Lynne at 991-3164, or Sue at 998-8472. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Seaside Swing

The Mattapoisett Lions Club has announced that the Fifth Annual Seaside Swing will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 on Saturday, May 19. The music will be provided by the Swansea Community Band, a seventeen-piece orchestra. They will be playing the music of the Big Band Era for your dancing pleasure.

Dancing will be held from 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight. Tickets are $20 per couple and will be available beginning May 1.

Mattapoisett Lions Breakfast

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will hold a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 29 from 8:00 to 11:00 am in the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Tickets are $3 for adults, $2.50 for children, with a family price of $10.

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Sippican Senior Travel

The following trips are sponsored by Sippican Senior Travel — anyone wishing to join the group on these trips are welcome. Please call Natalie Sullivan at 508-748-1467 for more information.

• April 30 to May 4 - Wildwood, NJ at Aqua Beach Motel, includes two dinners, four breakfasts, and an "all you can eat" casino buffet. Two trips to Atlantic City with bonus, Dixieland Cruise, visit to Cape May (five-day trip). Price: $265 double, $261 triple, and $330 single.

• May 23 - Boston Duck Tour with lunch at Amelia's in Quincy including broiled salmon or London broil. Tour on amphibious landing vehicle and splashing into the Charles River. Price: $49 per person.

• June 6 - Christine's Show Club, West Dennis. "The Stars of La Cage," two great Las Vegas entertainers who do impersonations of Bette Midler, Barbara Streisand, and more! Lunch will include baked haddock, baked chicken, or roast lamb. Also includes stop at Christmas Tree Shop. Price: $43 per person.

• July 11 - Captain Jack's Lobster Bake and shopping in Wickford Village, RI. Choice of prime rib or lobster and also shrimp cocktail or steamed clams. Price: $42 per person.

• August 19 - Stage Loft Theater, Sturbridge, MA. "Murder at the Vicarage" by Agatha Christie will be presented, along with lunch at Ron's with family style roast chicken (Sunday matinee). Price is $47 per person.

• August 26 - Theater at the Mount, Gardner, MA. Musical comedy "Company" by Stephen Sondheim (winner of the Tony Award). Trip includes breakfast buffet at Royal Plaza Hotel in Fitchburg. The breakfast includes the usual Belgian waffles, Eggs Benedict, and omelets to order (Sunday matinee). Price is $43 per person.

• September 17 - 20 - Four-Day Rochester, NY trip with Niagara Falls. Includes deluxe hotel, three breakfasts, three dinners, one on Erie Canal Dinner Cruise. Tour of Rochester with admissions to Eastman House, Strong Museum, day trip to Niagara Falls, and more. Price is $369 per person twin, $349 triple, and $499 single.

• September 26 - Best of Times Really Big Show with Musical Impressionist Joey Van at Lombardo's in Randolph, MA. Lunch will include baked scrod or baked chicken. Price is $53 per person.

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***Memento*. Starring Guy Pearce, Carrie-Anne Moss, and Joe Pantoliano. Directed by Christopher Nolan. Running time: 113 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.**

As you may have heard by now, the acclaimed thriller *Memento* is the story of a man with no short-term memory, told entirely backward. The man, Leonard Shelby (Guy Pearce), wants to find out who raped and murdered his wife; the same "incident" that made him a widower also gave him head trauma that left him unable to "form new memories" — he can remember everything up to the event, but everything after that eludes his grasp, to the point where he has turned his whole body into a tattooed Post-It note of reminders ("John G. raped and murdered my wife," reads one message written on his chest — backwards, so that he can read it in the mirror every time he shaves, which he also has to remind himself to do).

Would *Memento* be as effective if told forward instead of backward? Of course not. The brilliance of *Memento* is not in its story but in how it *tells* the story. When a scene begins, we are as disoriented as Leonard; sometimes he ends up talking to someone we haven't seen before, and he doesn't ever remember meeting, yet they act as if they've known him for a while. The scene then ends — please try to stay with me here — with the *beginning* of the *previous* scene. This is nowhere near as frustrating for the viewer as it sounds; instead, it's transfixing and does an ingenious job of putting us inside Leonard's fractured perception. Sometimes you get so involved in a scene that you forget you've already seen how it's going to end.

Writer-director Christopher Nolan, whose first film was a black-and-white *noir* (1998's *Following*) little seen in America, turns up the volume of the usual *noir* paranoia to 11: not only can't you trust anyone, you can't remember *why* you can't trust anyone. Yet the film is cool, contemplative, a puzzle movie in which you see the finished puzzle right up front and then watch as it disassembles itself. I could tell you who the killer of Leonard's wife is, or *seems* to be, since the movie opens with Leonard getting his revenge, or *seeming* to; yet treachery complicates Leonard's mission (as if it weren't complicated enough), so when we hear a revelation at the end of the film (the movie's chronological beginning) — a revelation that Leonard, at the movie's beginning/story's end, has long forgotten — we don't know if it's on the level or not. All I'll say is that it's been a while since I've seen a twist ending like this that works on about 17 different levels aside from turning the plot on its head.

The newly blonde, slightly stubbly Guy Pearce, looking like a more precisely chiselled Brad Pitt, underplays Leonard throughout; he's a hero in a daze, often unconsciously funny, as when he tells the same story over and over, to the bemusement of acquaintances who've heard it over and over. Given the challenge of embodying a man who forgets whatever happened ten minutes ago, Pearce has to begin anew in every scene, a blank slate with vague impressions of quiet anguish. His best moment here comes when Leonard hires a prostitute for an experiment baffling to her but, to us, funny at first and then undeniably saddening.

The only other two major roles in *Memento* are filled by Carrie-Anne Moss, as a mysterious bartender named Natalie, and Joe Pantoliano, as a mysterious figure (criminal? cop?) named Teddy. The *Matrix* connection is probably no coincidence: Leonard is living in a sort of matrix himself, a shadow world in which everything *is* a shadow. Last time I checked, *Memento* had risen to #44 on the Internet Movie Database's Top 250 Movies list, voted on by registered users, making it the youngest film in the top 50. There's a reason for that. The movie will almost surely madden some and fascinate others (some may feel both ways); if given a proper push, this could become the most talked-about cinematic Rubik's Cube since *The Usual Suspects.* Yet Christopher Nolan never strikes you as a hot-shot getting high on his own narrative cleverness. *Memento* leaves you with an existential chill. If you see the film, ask yourself how you feel about Leonard's final decision (or, I should say, the decision he makes before the end credits): whether it's understandable, whether it's justifiable, and above all, whether it really makes any damn difference.

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Friday (April 27) - Wednesday (May 2)
One Night at McCool's (R) – 1:10, 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 9:10
Blow (R) – 1:20, 4:20, 6:50, 9:20
The Forsaken (R) – 1:10, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 9:20
Town and Country (R) – 1:40, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
Driven (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:00, 6:40, 9:20
Along Came A Spider (R) – 1:40, 4:30, 6:40, 8:50
Josie & the Pussycats (PG-13) – 1:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:00
Crocodile Dundee in L.A. (R) – 1:50, 4:10, 6:30, 8:40
Bridget Jones' Diary (R) – 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:10
Spy Kids (PG) – 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:20, 9:30
Freddy Got Fingered (R) – 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:00
Joe Dirt (PG-13) – 1:50, 4:20, 6:30, 8:40

Mattapoisett Firefighters Auxiliary

Members of the Mattapoisett Firefighters' Auxiliary will once again be having their Annual Spring Yard Sale on Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Fire Station on Route 6. The rain date will be Sunday, May 20 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The proceeds from this Yard Sale will benefit the Scholarship Fund as well as our Community Projects. They will gladly accept donations of small items, such as kitchen items, jewelry, knick-knacks, books, and toys. Please call either Betty or Bert Theriault at 508-758-2904 to arrange for these items to be picked up. Items cannot be accepted at the Fire Station. Thank you for your support!

Rochester Ladies' Luncheon

The First Congregational Church of Rochester will sponsor a Ladies' Spring Friendship Luncheon on Saturday, May 5 at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker will be Anne Noll — her faith and commitment to the Lord is based on II Peter 3:18, which calls us to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." All are welcome and reservations can be obtained for $7.50 and must be made by April 29. Please call 508-763-4058 or 508-748-0855.

Sippican Woman's Club

The annual luncheon meeting of the Sippican Woman's Club will be held on Friday, April 27 at 12:00 noon at The Beachmoor in Buzzards Bay. After the luncheon, a business meeting followed by the election of officers will take place. The Sippican Woman's Club is an educational, non-profit organization. Its annual Holiday House Tour each December helps fund scholarships for area youth and adults.

Fairhaven Tower Dedication

The West Island Improvement Association invites area veterans and the general public to attend the dedication of the World War II Lookout Tower (Fire Control Tower Loc. 55 on West Island) in Fairhaven on Armed Forces Day — Saturday, May 19, 2001 at 9:00 am at the Fairhaven Town Beach on West Island. There will be an armed forces flyover at approximately 9:30 am. Please call 508-994-7266 or 508-996-3473 for more information.

Mattapoisett Machacam Club

The Machacam Club will hold its May meeting on Wednesday, May 2 at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street. Social hour begins at 5:30 pm with dinner service at 6:00 pm.

The speaker this month will be Seth Mendell. Seth will continue his "History of Mattapoisett" with Part IV. Seth's presentations are always well-received and his talk promises to be as interesting and informative as ever. Callers are reminded to report their lists no later than 9:00 pm on April 30.

Rochester Annual Boat Race

The Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race on the Mattapoisett River will take place on Monday, May 28 starting at 8:30 am at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Pond in Rochester, and finish at the Herring Weir, Route 6 in Mattapoisett. The race is open to persons of all ages. There will be two persons to a boat. There are divisions for men, women, junior boys, junior girls, co-ed, and a parent/child division (child to be under 14 years old). Junior division teams are both contestants under 14 years of age.

Pre-registration is required and contestants may register at the Rochester Grange Hall, 205 Hartley Road, on Friday, May 11 and Friday, May 18 from 6:30 to 8:00

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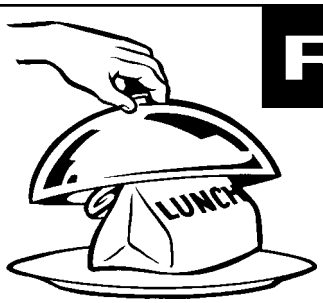

Regional Lunch Menus

■ **ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY and FORD MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Monday, April 30 – Meatball sandwich, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, corn, fresh fruit, assorted milk.

Tuesday, May 1 – Baked chicken, bologna sandwich, rice, peas, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 2 – Meatloaf, ham sandwich, mashed potatoes, wax beans, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 3 – Spaghetti and meatballs, bologna sandwich, green beans, garlic bread, fresh fruit, assorted dessert.

Friday, May 4 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, macaroni salad, fresh fruit, milk.

■ **COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION**

Monday, April 30 – Beef sausage cacciatore, rotini, green beans, Scali bread, cookie, graham wafer.

Tuesday, May 1 – Chicken breast teriyaki, Asian rice, Oriental vegetable, French bread, butterscotch pudding, fresh fruit.

Wednesday, May 2 – Vegetable soup, BBQ pork patty, scalloped potatoes, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit.

Thursday, May 3 – Meatloaf, whipped potato, peas and carrots, dark rye bread, fruit in light syrup.

Friday, May 4 – Macaroni and cheese, escalloped tomato, apple muffin, fruit in light syrup.

■ **CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT**

Monday, April 30 – Chicken nuggets, Steak'Um in a roll, crispy fries, green beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, May 1 – Rib-a-que, toasted cheese, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 2 – Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 3 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 4 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

■ **MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER**

Monday, April 30 – Chicken nuggets, Steak'Um in a roll, crispy fries, green beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, May 1 – Rib-a-que, toasted cheese, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 2 – Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 3 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 4 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

■ **FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL**

Monday, April 30 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, mac rib sub, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled pineapple, strawberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, May 1 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, hot dog on a roll, chicken breast patty club, oven fries, green beans, chilled peaches, apple pie.

Wednesday, May 2 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, hot pastrami sub, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Thursday, May 3 – Hearty chicken gumbo soup, mac rib sub, grilled cheese sandwich, tuna salad sub, shoestring fries, chilled applesauce, frosted cake.

Friday, May 4 – Hamburger/cheeseburger, chicken breast patty club, hot ham and cheese, "hero" sub, Fritos corn chips, carrot sticks, chilled pineapple, Rice Krispie treats. (ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL: Early release - no lunch served.)

■ **FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, April 30 – Stuffed manicotti with sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, grilled chicken club, pepperoni pizza, oven fries, carrots, chilled applesauce, orange jello with topping.

■ **HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – FAIRHAVEN**

Monday, April 30 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, mac rib sub, baked pork chop with gravy, whipped potatoes, peas, chilled pineapple, strawberry jello with topping.

Tuesday, May 1 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, hot dog on a roll, chicken breast patty club, oven fries, green beans, chilled peaches, apple pie.

Wednesday, May 2 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, hot pastrami sub, shaved turkey club, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Thursday, May 3 – Hearty chicken gumbo soup, mac rib sub, grilled cheese sandwich, tuna salad sub, shoestring fries, chilled applesauce, frosted cake.

Friday, May 4 – Stuffed shells with sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, meatball grinder with grated cheese, grilled chicken club, potato wedges, peas, chilled pineapple, chocolate mousse with topping.

■ **OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE-TECH HIGH SCHOOL**

Monday, April 30 – Rib-b-que, hash brown patty, peas, fruit, chocolate cake.

Tuesday, May 1 – Chicken noodle soup, toasted ham and cheese, spicy fries, carrots, pudding.

Wednesday, May 2 – Chicken chow mein sandwich, rice, stir fry vegetables, peanut butter cookie.

Thursday, May 3 – Juice, meatball sub, potato chips, green beans, chocolate cake.

Friday, May 4 – Seafood salad, pizza, French fries, mixed vegetables, assorted dessert.

■ **OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT**

Monday, April 30 – Chicken nuggets, Steak'Um in a roll, crispy fries, green beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, May 1 – Rib-a-que, toasted cheese, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 2 – Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 3 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 4 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

■ **SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION**

Monday, April 30 – Chicken nuggets, Steak'Um in a roll, crispy fries, green beans, fruit, dessert, milk.

Tuesday, May 1 – Rib-a-que, toasted cheese, potato puffs, soup, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 2 – Spaghetti and meat sauce, garlic bread, ham and cheese pocket, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 3 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 4 – HALF DAY: Bagels and muffins served.

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pm. No registrations will be accepted after Friday, May 18 at 8:00 pm.

Rules and registration forms may be obtained at Lloyd's Market, the Rochester Fire Station, and also at the two registration sessions. A signed registration form must be submitted by each contestant for a team to be eligible to draw a starting position.

The Annual Boat Race Ham and Bean Supper will be served on the Saturday evening of Memorial Day weekend, May 26 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the Rochester Memorial School. Tickets for the supper may be purchased from boat race contestants or at the door. Proceeds from the supper, along with donations collected Memorial Day will provide the money for the prizes.

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INNER VIEWS

A True Public Servant

By Kenneth J. Souza
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Some jobs are often unfairly stereotyped because a few bad apples have served to tarnish the lot. We've all heard — and probably told — the "dead lawyer" jokes ... we often ridicule police officers for perpetually hanging out at coffee shops ... and we're all fairly certain that politicians are corrupt and self-serving. (Well, maybe that *is* the case in Rhode Island.)

But when a local politician does come along who puts in the time and effort and apparently has only the best interests of the town and residents at heart, that person tends to stand out and leave a lasting impression. Such is the case with outgoing Marion Selectman **Loretta B. Schaefer**, who decided to not seek re-election to the board after 12 years of service in that capacity. She was rightfully praised by her fellow Selectmen at her final meeting last week, and her accomplishments were duly honored at this week's Annual Town Meeting.

Having covered the weekly Marion Selectmen's meetings for a decade now, it seems to me that **Lori Schaefer** has always been sitting at that long conference table in the Marion Town House ... and it will be strange not to see her every week, offering an honest and balanced point of view on the issues. Indeed, the one word I would use to best describe Ms. Schaefer is "fair," whether you agree with her or not; and she always had an uncanny knack for avoiding personal attacks in expressing her support or objection to a proposal. Ever even-tempered and objective, Ms. Schaefer helped to anchor an effective three-member board over the past several years.

Selectmen Chairman Albert E. Winters cited this as one of Ms. Schaefer's greatest strengths in paying her tribute at her final regular meeting: "When you look at the guidance and advice she's given us over the years ... She's kept us all much more civilized and I really think she's been able to keep (this board) on an even keel." Although she would alternate in the captain's chair with Mr. Winters during her tenure, her contributions as one of the three crew members sailing the Marion vessel through calm waters have been crucial.

She has long been not only Marion's representative to the Southeast Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD), but also remains the sitting Chairman of SRPEDD and has agreed to

stay on as the Marion representative to that important regional group, despite her "retirement" from local politics. Mr. Winters also noted she was a key mover on the town's Wastewater Planning Committee, which has long labored to maintain and upgrade the town's sewer system and related services to residents.

Last, but most significantly, she led the effort to save and restore the Marion Music Hall — a rightful source of pride for the town — and also took it upon herself to oversee the management and scheduling at the facility for the past two years ... a personal labor of love which was often time-consuming but which she did voluntarily.

"Her work on the Marion Music Hall has just been something which will be with the town for years to come," noted Mr. Winters. "That building could very easily have been lost to the town."

Although Marion didn't lose the Music Hall, the town will sadly lose Ms. Schaefer after 12 years on the Board of Selectmen and nine years previously with the Marion School Committee. But like the landmark building which was one of the crowning achievements during her tenure, Lori Schaefer's accomplishments will not soon be forgotten. She leaves the town in the capable hands of her fellow Selectmen and a new board member to be determined by the voters. And she can walk away with the knowledge that she's done her community proud ... and proven that politicians can often make a positive contribution, despite what stereotypes may otherwise suggest.

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Sippican Lands Trust

The Sippican Lands Trust cordially invites the public to learn about exciting new collaborative projects to preserve open space in southeastern Massachusetts on Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Music Hall. After a brief business meeting in lieu of the annual meeting, keynote speaker Andrew Kendall, a long-time Marion resident and the recently-appointed Executive Director of Trustees of The Reservations (TTOR), the oldest land trust in the nation. Mr. Kendall will discuss the seminal work of the TTOR, which has innovated and gained legislative support for many of the land-giving strategies now commonly used by landowners and conservation groups.

Mr. Kendall will speak on the inexorable pressures to develop the remaining lands in our region,

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Local Police Logs

■ MARION

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 15 through April 21, 2001:

• Sparrow Lane – medical emergency
• Main Street – parking violation
• Zora Road – officer wanted
• River Road – general offense
• Mill Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Ichabod Lane – animal complaint
• Dexter Road – fire alarm
• Spring Street – officer wanted
• Swift Beach Road – disturbance
• Route 195 East – animal complaint
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Wareham Road – animal complaint
• Mill Street – youths in street
• Indian Cove Road – youths in street
• Front Street – suspicious person
• Front Street – trespassing
• Mill Street – larceny/past
• Creek Road – motor vehicle accident/property damage
• Spring Street – officer wanted
• County Road – officer wanted
• Mill Street – vandalism/past
• Indian Cove Road – larceny/past
• Quail's Crossing Road – noise complaint
• Wianno Road – family offense
• Rezendes Terrace – runaway reported
• Mattapoisett Road – juvenile offense
• Point Road – general request for service
• Front Street – fire alarm.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 15 through April 21, 2001:

• North Street – suspicious activity/persons
• Fairhaven Road – animal control request
• County Road – motor vehicle accident with police vehicle
• Crestfield Street – motor vehicle complaint
• Fairhaven Road – request for police officer
• Tobey Lane – attempt to serve order
• West Hill Road – mailbox struck by motor vehicle
• Park Street – returned property
• County Road – injured bird
• Laura Lane – animal in front yard
• Randall Lane – missing dog
• Industrial Drive – found dog
• Tobey Lane – attempting to serve order
• Brandt Beach Avenue – destruction of property/vandalism
• Brandt Beach Avenue – minors in possession of alcohol
• Tupola Lane – report of gas odor
• Brandt Beach Avenue – report of vandalism
• North Street – motor vehicle accident
• Brierpatch Lane – fox in yard
• County Road – smell of something burning
• Acushnet Road – domestic disturbance
• Acushnet Road – assault and battery/adult arrest (domestic assault)
• Crooked Bow Path – party handcuffed himself, no handcuff keys
• Tobey Lane – animal complaint
• River Road – past breaking and entering
• Acushnet Road – officer requested to keep the peace
• Mattapoisett Neck Road – complaint about dog barking
• Winter Hill Road – vandalism/rock thrown through window
• Point Road – hanging wires
• Route 195 East – dirt bikes crossing highway
• Briar Road – vandalism
• Marina Drive – suspicious activity
• River Road – found dog
• Reservation Road – loose/stray dog
• Marion Road – motor vehicle violation
• County Road – found wallet
• Fairhaven Road – party banging at door.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of April 17 through April 23, 2001:

• New England Structural Painting – vandalism
• Braley Hill Road – road hazard
• Braley Hill Road – annoying phone calls
• Snipatuit Road – vandalism
• Woodland Road – vandalism
• Memorial School – suspicious activity
• Mattapoisett Road – animal complaint
• Mary's Pond Road – adult arrest (warrant)
• Plumb Corner Mall – officer wanted
• Clapp Road – investigation
• Tilson Road – noise complaint
• Quaker Lane – officer wanted
• Haskell Ridge Road – civil complaint
• High Street – trespassing
• North Avenue – domestic disturbance
• New Bedford Road – officer wanted
• Walnut Plain Road – animal complaint.

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Friends of the Elderly

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A big "thank you" from the Friends of the Elderly to all those who participated in their Easter Pie and Bake Sale. Those contacted to bake graciously responded with a nice variety of pies and other baked goods. Many many people came out to buy the pastry and many made monetary donations. It was the best turnout ever and they thank everyone!

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22 What the Three Stooges drank
24 What Yo-Yo Ma drank
26 — pole
27 "American Pie" singer
29 Overshoe
30 Range rope
32 Synthetic fiber
34 Brahman or lama
38 Broadway backer
41 Vulgar
43 He may woo ewe
45 Concerning
46 What Sasquatch drank
49 What Queen Victoria drank
52 Oklahoma city
53 Bull in a china shop
54 Exploit
55 Crucifix
56 "Howards —" ('92 film)
57 Had a hunch
60 Nonclerical
62 Assumed mane?
64 German chemist Otto
66 Hound or hamster
67 Forbid
68 Outtake
72 On the ball
74 What F. Lee Bailey drank
78 Billow
79 Longed for
81 Address abbr.
82 Exist
84 Tragic fate
85 What's between Serena and Martina
86 Bat wood
87 — clover
90 Paddle
93 Siren
95 Steel support
97 Myriads of moons
98 — Jima
101 What Isaac Newton drank
103 What Martha Stewart drank
106 Reside
107 Eyebrow shape
109 The sky, at times?
110 Beginning
111 Bright inventor?
114 Make Fido fetch
116 Starts a lawn
118 Banyan or baobab
120 Refer (to)
122 — point
125 What Lech Walesa drank
129 What Gregor Mendel drank
132 Saying
133 Take the reins
134 Pennsylvania port
135 Atty.-to-be's ordeal
136 Steven of "Wings"
137 Guam, for one: abbr.
138 Horned vipers
139 Actress Veronica

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1 "Quiet!"
2 Stick around
3 Singer Guthrie
4 '60s phenomenon
5 French city
6 "Fall back" mo.
7 Aftershocks
8 Former Cong. group
9 For the birds
10 Loewe's lyricist
11 — deco
12 Pencil piece
13 Sun screen
14 First
15 Gangster's gun
16 TV's "— Step Beyond"
17 Singer Chris
20 Supervise
23 Property professional
25 "Alley —"
28 Endured
31 Paul of "A Man for All Seasons"
33 Storch or King
35 Punta del —
36 Actress Anna
37 Warty one
38 Flock o' docs
39 Wordless greeting
40 Grinds
42 — -de-camp
44 Herd word
47 Interstate exit
48 Dwight's competitor
50 Cry of distress
51 "Later, Luis!"
58 Remove a brooch
59 Sault — Marie, MI
61 Pangolin's morsel
63 Dutch export
64 Possessed
65 Citrus cooler
67 Deli choice
68 Kind of clasp
69 Makes money
70 — trip
71 Sleep stage
73 Roman fountain
75 Helium or hydrogen
76 Plant pest
77 — Claire, WI
80 "L'—, c'est moi"
83 Wells creatures
86 In pieces
87 Feast's alternative
88 City near Provo
89 Produced a cryptogram
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91 Parched
92 Sitarist Shankar
94 "Cry — River" ('55 song)
96 "El Libertador"
99 Elfin
100 — bran
102 Trace
104 Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy
105 Teach
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112 Court cry
113 Teachers' org.
115 "Doe, —, a female . . ."
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121 Perlman of "Cheers"
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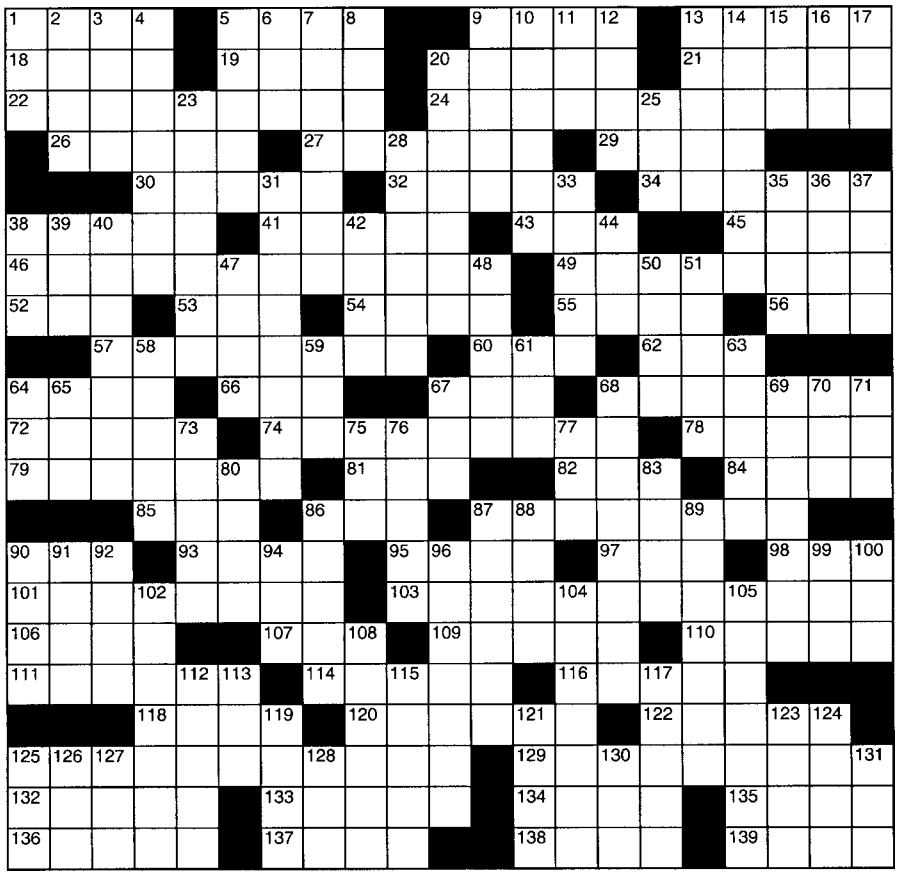

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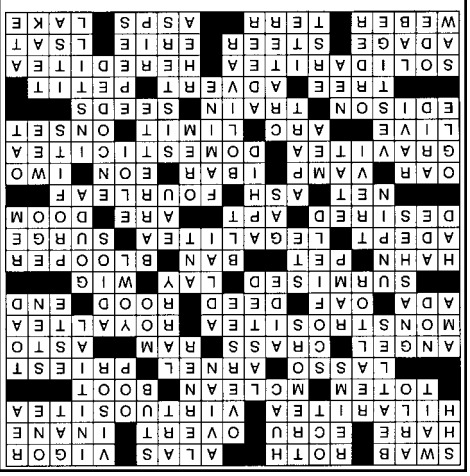

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Absentee Ballots are now available at the Marion Town Clerk's office for the local election to be held on Friday, April 27, 2001. Anyone wishing to vote prior to the election due to absence from town on election day may vote in the office during regular business hours from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Thursday, and on Friday from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm prior to 12:00 noon on April 26. Upon receipt of written application, absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who are out of the area. For further information, please call Town Clerk/Treasurer/Collector Debra Blanchette at 508-748-3505.

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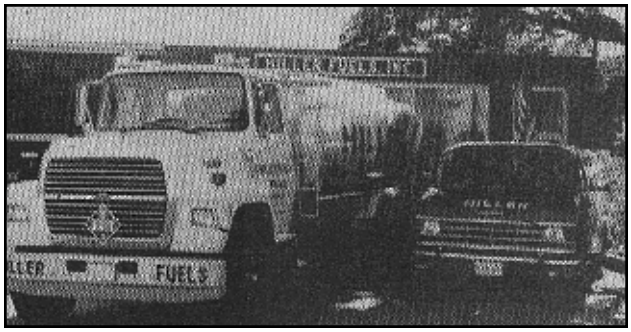

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Sealed bids marked "Outboard Motors" will be received at the Selectman's Office, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, Marion, MA 02738 until 10:00am on Friday, May 11, 2001, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

The Selectmen reserve the right to reject any and all bids or accept the bid determined to be in the best interest of the Town.

Albert E. Winters, Chairman
Marion Board of Selectmen 4/19, 4/26

MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS
CHAPTER 131, SECTION 40 and the
MATTAPOISETT WETLAND PROTECTION BYLAW

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, you are hereby notified that the applicant Raymond H. Andrews has filed a Notice of Resource Determination with the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission seeking confirmation of identified on-site Areas Subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL c. 131, s. 40) and the local Wetland protection Bylaw. The address of the lot where the activity is proposed is 49 Water Street (Lot 169, Map 9). A public hearing will be held on May 14, 2001, at 7:45pm at the Town Hall.

Copies of the Notice of Resource Determination may be examined at Town Hall between the hours of 12:00-3:00pm on the following days of the week: Tues., Wed. and Thurs. Copies of the notice of Resource Determination may be obtained from the applicant's representative by calling (508) 747-3553 between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday through Friday. 04/26

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
BOARD OF APPEALS

#774 The Rochester Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Bruce Masky, Trustee of Maranatha Nominee Trust, for a special permit under section XX of Rochester By-laws to allow the construction of a 190' monopole for a two-way radio repeater system. Property is located at 150 Dexter Lane, Assessors plan 6, lot 11. The public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 10, 7:30pm at the Rochester Memorial School Cafetorium.

Ellen E. Endres, Chairman 4/19, 4/26

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TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PUBLIC NOTICE
STREET LAYOUTS

Notice is hereby given that it is the intention of the Board of Selectmen to layout Jenny Street; Beech Wood Road; and River Bend Lane as town ways, on Monday, May 7, 2001. The Board will consider the layout of Jenny Street at 7:00pm; Beech Wood Road at 7:15pm and River Bend Lane at 7:30pm. All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting in the Town Hall Conference Room.

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Paul E. Lambalot, Chairman
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Early enthusiasm gives way to a more reflective attitude as you assess the potential of a new job. Avoid questionable advice. The ultimate decision should be yours.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might need to reassess the responsibility you've taken on. Consider delegating some of the tasks to people you trust, and focus on those things you do best.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Don't be shy about sharing new ideas with your workplace colleagues. Their warm reception and trusted support will soon have you purring with satisfaction.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That uneasiness over a potential commitment should be confronted and dealt with realistically. Find out why you're delaying an important decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your business venture gets back into high gear after a brief sputtering period. Don't be discouraged. Stay with it. Your hard work and patience will pay off.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Watch out for a tendency to let things slide in hopes that a problem will correct itself. You need to be more proactive than reactive if you want to see change.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A wilting relationship could recover and be coaxed back into full bloom with a new commitment to your partner to make it your priority.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Before you accept a new job offer, check on the status of a promotion you were promised in your current workplace. Then make a decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Expect to find yourself in a teaching situation on the job, which you will, no doubt, enjoy. Don't be surprised if you get to learn a few things as well.

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will be held in the Teacher's Lounge at Old Rochester Regional High School on Monday, May 14 at 6:30 pm. The association will be selecting the winning students of their yearly awards at this meeting. All members of the association are requested to attend the meeting and thus be involved in these important decisions. They need your input and hope to see you there!

Health Fair in Mattapoisett

Health Fair Day will be held on Friday, May 11 at Center School in Mattapoisett. A series of programs are planned throughout the day, starting with an Animal Rescue League Program from 8:45 to 9:45 am and 10:00 to 11:00 am in the school auditorium. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will present a "Saving the Environment" Program for Grade 2 with five half-hour presentations scheduled between 9:00 and 10:40 am and again from 11:50 am to 12:55 pm. Lastly, there will be a "Food Play" Program for the entire school from 1:30 to 2:30 pm in the school cafeteria.

"Food Play" is the national award-winning nutrition theater show which brings a cast of colorful characters, fantastic feats of juggling, motivating messages, music, magic, and fun to make nutrition come alive for students at Center School on Friday, May 11. Addressing the major nutrition, fitness, and self-esteem concerns affecting today's school children, "Food Play" will provide students with the practical skills they need to take charge of growing up healthy and fit. During the fun-filled performance, students will learn how to treat their bodies right with good nutrition, physical fitness, and healthy lifestyle habits. Kids will discover how to see through TV commercials, "read it before you eat it" (decipher food labels), and learn the consumer skills needed to make sense of today's food marketplace.

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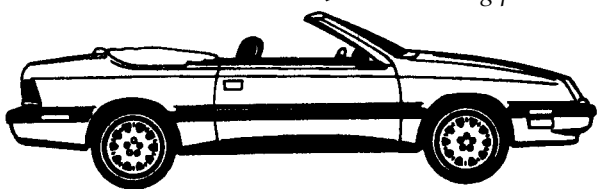

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In the past, the Rochester Memorial School Drama Club has presented *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1988 and 1998); *The Taming of the Shrew* (1989); *Romeo & Juliet* (1990 and 2000); *Arsenic and Old Lace* (the only non-Shakespeare production, 1991); *Twelfth Night* (1992); *Much Ado About Nothing* (1993); *Macbeth* (1994); *The Tempest* (1995); *Hamlet* (1996); *The Merchant of Venice* (1997); and *As You Like It* (1999).

Sippican Choral Society

The Sippican Choral Society will present its annual Spring Concert, "Say It With Music: An Evening with Irving Berlin," on Saturday, May 5, 2001 at 8:00 pm in the Fireman Performing Arts Center at Tabor Academy in Marion. Appearing with the chorus for the concert will be Matt Richard's Trio.

Concert-goers will enjoy an evening of old familiar favorites, including several pieces for the full chorus: "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor," "Remember" (arranged by Peter West), "Always," "Blue Skies," "There's No Business Like Show Business," "Say It With Music," "Dancing Cheek to Cheek" (arranged by Peter West), "Easter Parade," "White Christmas," and "God Bless America."

Songs for the duets and small groups will include: "Anything You Can Do," "A Pretty Girl" (the men of the chorus), "Count Your Blessings" and "What'll I Do" (women of the chorus), "You're Just in Love," "Sisters," "How Deep is the Ocean," "Puttin' on the Ritz," and "They Say It's Wonderful."

The Sippican Choral Society, under the direction of Peter West and accompanied by Corinne Peck, has been performing at least two concerts every year since its founding in 1965. Tickets for the May 5 concert are $10 per person and are now available at The Bookstall and The Sugar Shack in Marion, and at Seaport Village Ice Cream and Coffee Shop in Mattapoisett. Chorus members also have tickets for sale, and there will be tickets available at the door on the day of the concert. The Fireman Performing Arts Center in Hoyt Hall off Front Street in Marion is on the waterfront side of the Tabor Academy campus. For further information, please call Peter McDonald in Marion at 508-748-0286.

Garden Plant Exchange

A Garden Plant Exchange will take place on Saturday, May 5 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm on Pine Island Road in Mattapoisett (first meadow down from Pico Beach Road, next to the brook). Bring a plant and take a plant from your choice of herbs, annuals and perennials. Please tell your friends, neighbors and colleagues. For more information, please call 508-758-3445. Any left over plants will be donated to the Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Driver Education Classes

Enrollment for the next Driver Education Class at Old Rochester Regional High School is now taking place. Due to a change in state law, a student must be at least 16 years of age on or before April 30, 2001 in order to enroll in the class. Students from ORR will be given first available seats as the program is school-sponsored.

Please call the high school for further information (758-3745). Registration period ends Friday, April 27. The class will be scheduled to begin on Monday, April 30. The classes are held on Monday and Tuesday in Room B-123

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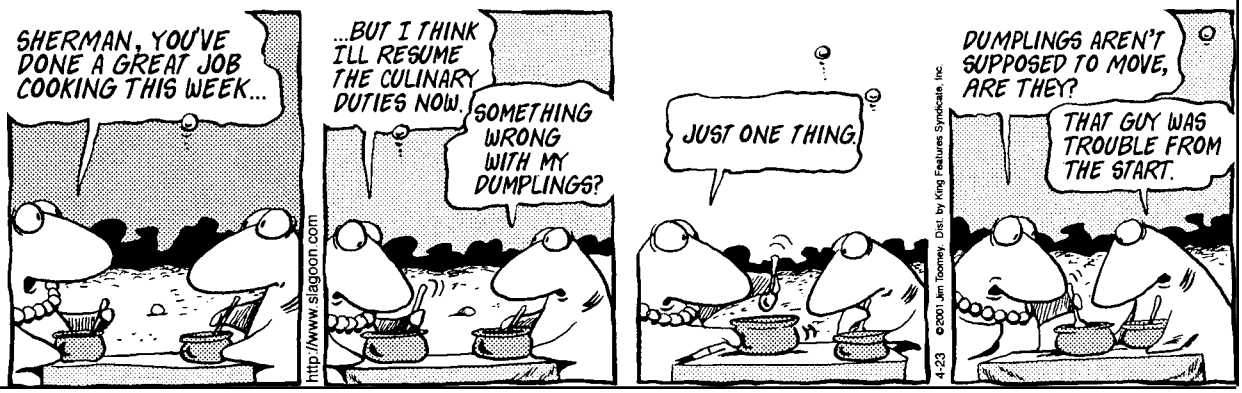

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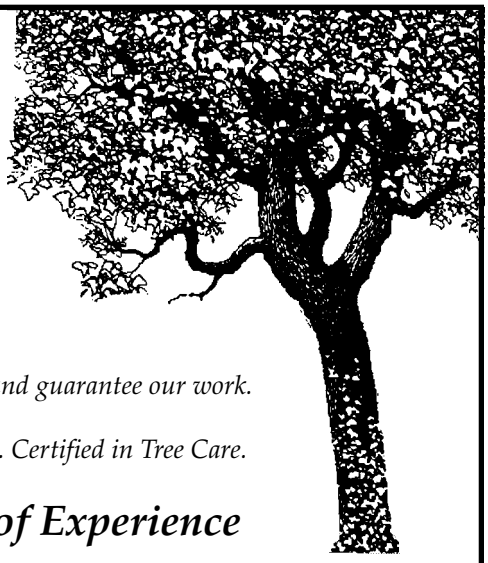

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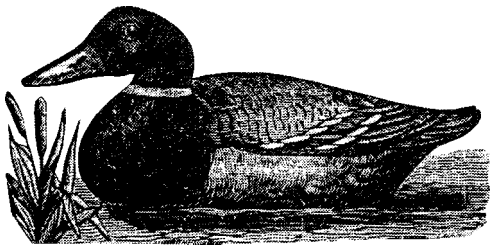

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April 26:	Thurs.	10:46	10:59	4:10	4:00
April 27:	Fri.	11:37	11:52	4:52	4:43
April 28:	Sat.	. . .	12:31	5:38	5:31
April 29:	Sun.	12:48	1:28	6:36	6:29
April 30:	Mon.	1:48	2:29	8:02	7:44
May 1:	Tues.	2:53	3:33	9:43	9:18
May 2:	Wed.	3:58	4:36	10:39	10:41
May 3:	Thurs.	5:04	5:36	11:23	11:43
May 4:	Fri.	6:04	6:32	. . .	12:02
May 5:	Sat.	6:58	7:22	12:35	12:39
May 6:	Sun.	7:47	8:09	1:23	1:17
May 7:	Mon.	8:34	8:55	2:07	1:55
May 8:	Tues.	9:19	9:39	2:49	2:33
May 9:	Wed.	10:04	10:24	3:29	3:13
May 10:	Thurs.	10:50	11:10	4:07	3:53
May 11:	Fri.	11:37	11:57	4:46	4:34
May 12:	Sat.	. . .	12:25	5:26	5:18
May 13:	Sun.	12:44	1:14	6:12	6:07

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